

REMARKS

The above amendments to the specification have been made to correct typographical, grammatical, and/or idiomatic errors. No new matter has been added.

The above amendment is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312, and inasmuch that such amendments do not affect the scope of the claimed invention, entry is requested and proper.

It is noted that the Issue Fee will be paid on or before May 29, 2008, and thus expeditious consideration and prompt entry of this amendment is requested.

It is noted that the claim amendment herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claims amendment made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-12, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or to credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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